

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the national stage status.

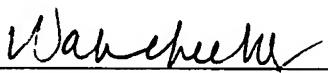
In addition, the claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies in order to reduce the PTO filing fee and to eliminate improper multiple dependencies.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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